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Unsung Duxbury

Name: Rob Reardon

How long have you worked for the town:

I was hired in 2002 and will be on the department for seven years this August.

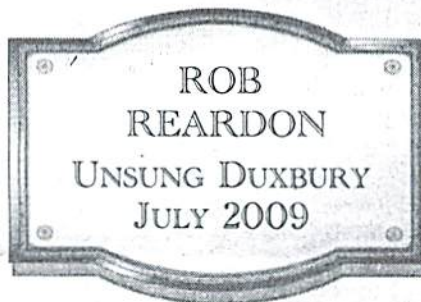
What did you do before working here:

I worked for Fox 25 News as a videographer and live truck operator covering news events all over New England. My main job was chasing breaking new stories in the Boston area but also covered general news and sports. Before working at Fox, I worked as a photographer/videographer at New England Cable News, The Boston Globe and The Boston Herald.



What do you like most about your job: I remember when I grew up, my Dad would bring me to our neighborhood firehouse. Every time we went there we were welcomed and the firemen would give us tours, answer all our questions and let us climb on the rigs. Now that I am a firefighter, I enjoy doing those same things for kids who are interested in firefighting! We have children who come to the firehouse on a regular basis and it is great to be able to teach them about firefighting in Dux-

bury. One of the other things I like about being a firefighter is helping people when they really need it. We can show up on a person's worst day and we do our best to help in any way we can. It is very rewarding to be able to help people when they need it.



What's the biggest challenge: I think the biggest challenge as a firefighter/paramedic is keeping up with added responsibilities, new technology and training. Many years ago a firefighter fought fires and that was their only job. Today most departments like Duxbury run an ambulance service in addition to our firefighting duties. All new firefighters in Duxbury are dual trained paramedic/firefighters. All of Duxbury's firefighters are either EMT's or paramedics. We must constantly keep up with training on both the fire and medical jobs to keep our skills sharp.

What town do you live in currently: I live in Carver.

What do you like to do in your free time: I enjoy spending my free time with my wife and two boys and, when I am not doing that, I also love photography. I started with photography 25+ years ago and have never put the camera down. I recently started a website to showcase some of my published photos from the last 20 years. You can see these photos at AllCompaniesWorking.com

Please recommend a favorite book or movie: One of my favorite books is "Firefighting Reflections" by retired Boston Fire Commissioner Leo Stapleton. In this book Stapleton writes about his experiences in all his ranks starting with firefighter and ending with commissioner. Growing up in the city I saw Commissioner Stapleton at all the big fires and always looked up to him.

Unsung Duxbury is a continuing series profiling the work of Duxbury's unsung town employees. If you know a deserving nominee, please drop a line to editor@duxburyclipper.com
